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FOR GEN LEDFORD AND MR CUNNINGHAM FROM

25X1A REF: A.

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25X1A 1. IN COORDINATION WITH HAS PLAYED LOSS OF ARTICLE 25X1A
342 IN LOW KEY WITH NO ADVERSE REACTION FROM TO 25X1A
AS OF SUNDAY NOON 27 FEB. SCHEDULED LOCAL TRAINING WAS CANCELLED
25X1A FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARA 2 REF A.

WAS ADVISED THIS WAS A ACTION PENDING RECEIPT 25X1A
OF ACCIDENT INFO TO INSURE THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN
THE TWO RECENT LOSSES. AS OF THIS TIME NEITHER OR 25X1A
HAS ADVISED THAT A HEADQUARTERS GROUNDING IS IN EFFECT.

25X1A WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN RESUME LOCAL TRAINING AND ULTIMATELY
25X1A OPS MISSIONS QUICKER IN THIS MANNER. SO FAR ONLY INFO PASSED
TO IS THAT:

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(1) 342 WAS LOST ON A REFUELING TRAINING FLIGHT MISSION.

(2) THAT THE PILOT SUCCESSFULLY EJECTED WITH MINIMUM
SCRATCHES AND BRUISES.

(3) THAT BASED ON LIMITED INFO AVAILABLE [] IT APPEARED
THAT AIRCRAFT WAS OVER-STRESSED AND LOST A WING AS A RESULT
OF EXCEEDING DESIGNED LIMITS.

2. AS OF NOW THE ABOVE HAS SATISFIED THEIR CURIOSITY
AND INTEREST AND NOTHING HAS APPEARED IN THE ENGLISH PRESS
RE THE LOSS OF 342.

3. IN THE INTEREST OF RESUMING [] OPERATION I RECOMMEND
THAT THE HEADQUARTERS GROUNDING BE LIFTED BY MONDAY 28 FEB TO
PERMIT RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS COMMENCING 1 MARCH.
THIS RECOMMENDATION PRESUPPOSES THAT INVESTIGATIVE FACTS FROM
342 ACCIDENT DO NOT DICTATE OTHERWISE BY 28 FEB.

END OF MESSAGE

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